

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH THEODOR LANG MAY DAY MEDICAL CONFERENCE

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2014

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center in Rockford, Illinois, as it holds the 75th Theodor Lang May Day Medical Conference on May 1 and 2, 2014. One of the oldest medical conferences in the United States, May Day was started by Dr. Lang, a radiologist serving Saint Anthony Hospital. Dr. Lang's goal was to improve patient care by gathering physicians from the region for a day of education and fellowship under a large tent. The May Day conference has outgrown the tent on the front lawn, but OSF continues to strive to improve patient care by bringing fellowship and continuing medical education to health care providers.

Throughout the years, the May Day conference has attracted such renowned speakers as Dr. Christiaan Barnard, the surgeon from South Africa who performed the first human-to-human heart transplant, as well as Abigail Van Buren and Ralph Nader.

The physicians who have addressed the May Day conference through the years have come from some of the most prestigious institutions in the United States, including the University of Illinois Medical School, Washington University Medical School, Chicago Lying-In Hospital, University of Chicago, Penn State School of Medicine, Cleveland Clinic, Children's Memorial Hospital, Hines Veterans Administration Hospital, Northwestern Medical School, Baylor University Medical Center, Sloane-Kettering, and the National Institutes of Health.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 16th District of Illinois, I wish to express our deepest thanks to OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center for continuing to provide valuable continuing education to clinicians and students.

CELEBRATING MR. JOHN KRAMER

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2014

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, we rise today in memory of John Kramer, who passed away on February 26, 2014, after a battle with cancer. A longtime Sonoma State University political science professor and icon of the North Bay progressive community, Mr. Kramer was a champion of social justice and environmental causes and an outspoken advocate for the issues in which he passionately believed.

After a childhood in suburban Cincinnati, Kramer earned a bachelor's degree from Miami University and a master's degree in

physics from the University of Illinois. In 1961, he volunteered with a program that was the precursor to the Peace Corps and helped build a community building in Guinea, West Africa. After receiving a Ph.D. in political science from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, John joined the faculty of Sonoma State in 1970, lecturing hundreds of students during a distinguished career spanning more than 40 years. In 1987, he was awarded a Fulbright scholarship to study public broadcasting policy in Europe.

Together with his wife, Nancy Dobbs, Kramer co-founded local public television station KRCB and was an active board member of Sonoma County Conservation Action, the political arm of the local environmental movement, in addition to his involvement in many other community organizations and pursuits.

Mr. Speaker, John Kramer leaves a legacy of political action, education, and community service that will not soon be forgotten. It is therefore appropriate that we pay tribute to him today and express our deepest condolences to his wife Nancy Dobbs, and his children Annie Dobbs Kramer, Andrew Dobbs Kramer, and Ian Dobbs Dixon.

CONGRATULATING CHANDLER AND MARIA SMITH ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR CHILD

HON. MARKWAYNE MULLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2014

Mr. MULLIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chandler and Maria Smith on the birth of their daughter, Rosslyn Marie Smith.

When my wife and I were married sixteen years ago, Chandler was our ring bearer. His family is very special, and I have been close to his parents for years.

Chandler graduated Basic Training on December 13, 2013 as a Private First Class, and graduated from the Infantry Training Battalion on April 1, 2014. It's my privilege to honor him for becoming a father.

Rosslyn Marie Smith was born on December 28, 2013. She and her mother, Maria, are both healthy, and their family is currently stationed at the United States Marine Base in Camp Pendleton, California. I thank Chandler for his service and his commitment to our country. I wish him and Maria all the best as they watch their daughter grow.

I ask my colleagues to join me, Chandler, and Maria in celebrating Rosslyn Marie Smith's birth, and look forward for the many years of happiness for their family.

CURTIS WILSON TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2014

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Curtis Wilson, a dedicated educator and principal of Centauri High School in La Jara, Colorado. In recognition of his continued excellence, the Colorado Association of Secondary School Principals has selected Mr. Wilson as the 2014 Colorado Principal of the Year.

This highly competitive award is based on personal excellence, collaborative leadership, curriculum, instruction, assessment and personalization of learning for students. In every one of these criteria, Mr. Wilson far exceeds expectations. Students and teachers alike praise Mr. Wilson's ability to motivate students to never settle for less than their best. Centauri High School is located in the second most impoverished county in Colorado providing a number of challenges including tight budget restraints. Despite these challenges, under Mr. Wilson's leadership, the students of Centauri High School achieve strong academic results.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly a privilege to honor Mr. Wilson for his outstanding performance and leadership. Through his dedication to excellence, he continues to inspire his students. I congratulate Mr. Wilson on his selection for this prestigious award, and thank him for his continued service to his students.

HONORING THE WEST SUBURBAN WATER COMMISSION 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS INCORPORATION

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2014

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 50th anniversary of the West Suburban Water Commission, which celebrated the milestone on April 23, 2014. The Water Commission was created to provide the residents of Justice and Willow Springs clean and safe water. Chairman Alan Nowaczyk, who also serves as the Mayor of Willow Springs, has provided great leadership to the Water Commission and continues to expand the excellent service it provides.

Founded in May of 1964, it was originally named the Justice-Willow Springs Water Commissions. The Water Commission became incorporated in Cook County which created a utility with a mission to providing safe and clean water to the residents of Justice and Willow Springs. From that point on the newly formed Water Commission began planning major projects to enhance and expand service throughout community.

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